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WyNG hosts summit to discuss treating military members

CHEYENNE – More than 120 behavioral health experts from around the region will come together, in Casper, next week to discuss techniques and tools for treating military members and their families after they experience the rigors of deployments. The event is sponsored by the Wyoming National Guard.

“The National Guard has service members living all across the state, many in rural areas,” said Trish Bannon, director of psychological health for the Wyoming Air National Guard. “It is our hope that by offering training on military culture and deployment-related issues, we as professionals will be better able to serve those who serve us, our state and our country.”

The Center of Deployment Psychology, from Maryland, will present the two-day curriculum. The Wyoming Veterans Commission and the Wyoming Department of Family Services Substance Abuse Division collaborated with Bannon and Karen Aurand, psychological health director for the Wyoming Army National Guard for the conference.